Inclination of agriculture labourers towards NREGS

†1155. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since the launch of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) labourers engaged in cultivation have shown inclination towards this scheme;

(b) if so, whether Government has conducted any study in respect of its adverse effects on agriculture production; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) Any registered rural household, including those engaged in cultivation, may demand employment under NREGA. Employment is provided on demand not exceeding 100 days in a financial year. The registered rural household is free to avail any other employment opportunity available to them.

(b) No, Sir. The Ministry has not conducted any study regarding adverse effects of NREGS on agriculture production.

(c) Does not arise.

PMGSY fund to Madhya Pradesh

†1156. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to the Madhya Pradesh in the current year under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) whether allocation has been reduced this year against previous year; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) State-wise allocation of funds is normatively made under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) only in respect of allocation provided for the programme out of the accrual of cess (diesel). For the current year (2009-10), State-wise allocation for the programme out of cess (diesel) would be finalized as soon as the budget estimates for the current year are approved by the Parliament.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Bharat Nirman Yojana

1157. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing Bharat Nirman Programme effectively;

(b) if so, the details of developmental activities under this programme; and

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